Orders to be vſed in the time of the infection of the Plague within the Citie and Liberties of London, till further charitable prouiſion may be had for places of receite for the viſited with infection.

THat euery Alderman call before him his Deputie, and all the Church-wardens, Conſtables, Pariſh Clarkes, Sextons and Bedles within his Warde, and giue them ſtreight and earneſt charge from time to time to inquire what houſes in euery pariſh and precinct of that Warde be infected. And that euery Conſtable doe bring euery day true, diſtinct, and plaine certificate thereof in writing to the Alderman or his Deputie. And that the Alderman or his Deputie from time to time ſend the ſame certificates to the Surueyers of the Pariſhes, to whom it ſhall appertaine, to the intent that they haue vnderſtanding thereby to ſee the orders in that behalfe executed accordingly. And here is to be noted, that euery houſe wherein any ſhall bee ſick of the Plague, is to be iudged and vſed as infected, as wel as where any dyeth thereof. And likewiſe euery houſe from whence any perſon infected ſhall be remooued to any houſe or place, ſhall bee iudged infected, if any eftſoones fall ſicke in the ſame houſe.

Inquire what houſes be infected. Certificate daily to the Alderman. Surueyers of the Pariſh. Sicke dying remoued.

That in euery houſe infected, the Maſter, Miſtreſſe, or gouernour, and the whole family and reſidents therein at the time of ſuch infection, ſhall remaine continually without departing out of the ſame, and with the doores and windowes of the hall, ſhop, or other nether part of the houſe ſhut, by the ſpace of xxviii. dayes from the death of the party dying of infection, and vntill the partie ſicke, and not dying thereof, ſhall bee fully recouered, or their ſore fully healed: and ſuch perſon recouering, or healed, to tarry ſhut vp xx. dayes from ſuch recouerie, or full healing. And that during all that time, no clothes, linnen, or other like thing, be hanged out, or ouer into the ſtreete.

Houſe ſhut xxviii. dayes.

Sicke xx. daies after recouery.

And that none ſo to be ſhut vp, ſhal go abroad out of the ſaid houſe, during the time aboue appointed, but one certaine perſon (and not ſundry at ſundry times) to be appointed by the Surueyers of that Pariſh, for prouiſion of neceſſaries for the ſaid family. Which perſon ſo to be appointed, ſhall during all the time of his, or her being abroad out of ſuch houſe carry in their hand openly, vpright in the plaineſt manner to be ſeene, one red wand of the length of iii. foot at the leaſt, to be deliuered to them by the Surueyers at the charge of the Pariſh, without carrying it cloſely, or couering any part of it with their cloke or garment, or otherwiſe: and in their going in the ſtreetes and lanes ſhall alway keepe the way cloſe by the chanell ſide, ſhunning as much as may be, the meeting and vſuall way of other people. And ſhall not in any wiſe come into any throng or preſſe of publike aſſembly, on paine of impriſonment by the ſpace of viii. daies without baile or mainepriſe, in ſome of the Cages next to the houſe ſo infected.

Prouiſion.

Red wand.

Way by the Chanell.

Aſſembly.

Cage.

Prouided alway, that it ſhalbe free to the owner of any houſe ſo infected, and his ſaid family, reſidents, or any of them at any time within the ſaid xxviii. dayes, to remoue and depart out of this Citie, and the Liberties thereof, into any other his, or her houſe, or abiding in the Country, or to any houſe in the Citie, without being ſhut vp in ſuch houſe infected, ſo that euery ſuch perſon ſo remouing, or departing, doe abſtaine from returning into the ſaid Citie, or the Liberties thereof, and from going abroad out of ſuch other houſe in the City, during the ſaid xxviii. daies, and on pain that euery perſon ſo returning, or going abroad within the ſaid xxviii. dayes, ſhall ſuffer impriſonment, as is afore ſaid.

Remouing.

Returning.

That the Churchwardens and Conſtable in euery precinct, prouide, and haue in readineſſe, one, or moe ſober diſcreet women, as the caſe ſhall require to be prouiders and deliuerers of neceſſaries for the infected houſes, and to attend the perſons ſick and infected, at the charge of ſuch houſeholders of ſuch houſes, if they be able: and if not, then at the charge of the Pariſh. And that ſuch women once entring into charge of ſuch prouiſion and attendance, ſhall carry red wands, goe by the chanell ſide, and forbeare aſſemblies, as is afore ſaid.

Prouiders. Women.

Charge. Houſholders or Pariſh.

Red wands.

That ſuch as haue Welles or Pumpes, ſhall cauſe euery morning before vi. of the clocke, and euery euening after viii. of the clocke, the ſame to be drawne, and x. buckets of water at the leaſt to be powred to runne downe the Chanell. And that euery morning and euening at the ſaid houres the ſtreets and Chanels be made cleane, and ſwept by ſome one of euery houſe againſt the chanel, but ſo as the water be not in any wiſe ſwept out of the chanel to the ſides of the ſtreets nor the ſtones wet but within the chanel, excepted onely ſprinkling for laying of the duſt at the ſweeping. And that the mud and filth of the ſtreetes be at the ſaid houres raked vp, and ſwept together in heapes out of the chanell, and not at any other time of the day. And that it be ſo drawne vp from the chanell, that the water powred downe the chanels may not carry away, or be mingled with ſuch filth.

Welles. Pumpes.

Streets.

That the ſtreetes be made cleane by the Scauenger and Raker euery day, except Sunday.

Scauenger.

That the Alderman himſelfe, or his Deputie, doe often viſite the Warde to view whether the ſaid orders bee duely obſerued, ſpecially touching cleanneſſe of the ſtreetes.

Aldermen viſit Wardes.

That ouer the doore of euery houſe infected, in a place notorious and plaine for them that paſſe by to ſee it, the Clark or Sexton of that Pariſh cauſe to be ſet one Paper printed with theſe words, Lord haue mercy vpon vs, in ſuch large forme as ſhall be appointed. And that the Conſtable of the precinct, and Bedle of the Warde, ſhall daily view & ſee that the ſaid Paper remaine there during the ſaid terme of xxviii. dayes without taking away, blotting or defacing. And if any be taken away, blotted or defaced, that a new be ſet in the place thereof. And if the ſame be taken away, blotted, or

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

defaced, with the consent of the inhabitant of that house, that then a new such Paper shall be set in place thereof, and the shutting in of such house with the inhabitants, shall continue xxviii. daies more from such taking away, blotting, or defacing. And whosoeuer shall take away such Paper, shall suffer such imprisonment as is aforesaid.

2. Viewers of bodies dead. 2. Viewers of sicke.

That in or for euery Parish there shall be appointed two sober ancient women, to be sworne to be viewers of the bodies of such as shall die in time of infection, and two other to be viewers of such as shall be sicke, and suspected of infection, which women shall immediately vpon such their viewes, by vertue of their oath, make true report to the Constable of that precinct, where such person shall die, or be infected, to the intent that true notice may bee giuen both to the Alderman or his Deputie, and to the Clarke of the Parish, and from him to the Clarke of the Parish Clarkes, that true certificate may be made as hath been vsed. And that euery of the said women, Constable, or Clarke, failing in the premisses, shall suffer imprisonment as is aforesaid. And euery woman so sworne, and for any corruption, or other respect falsely reporting, shall stand vpon the Pillorie, and beare corporall paine by the iudgement of the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen. They at their going abroad to beare red wands, goe neare the Channell, and shun assemblies, as before.

Pillorie. Red wands.

That euery woman, or other appointed to any seruice for the infected, and refusing, or fayling to do that seruice, shall not haue any pension out of the Hospitall or Parish.

Pension. Hospitall.

That the Lord Maior cause publike Proclamation to be made, that no person from the sixth day after such Proclamation, shall keepe any Dogge, or Bitch, but such as they will keepe within their owne dores, without suffering them to go loose in the streets not led in slip or string, nor within their owne doores making howling or other annoyance to their neighbours. And that the common Huntsman shall haue speciall charge to kill euery such Dogge or Bitch, as shall be found loose in any streete or lane of this Citie or the Suburbes thereof. And for the killing of euery such Dog or Bitch, and burying the same foure foote deepe at the least in the fields, shall haue two pence allowed by the hands of the Chamberlayne of the Citie. And if he be remisse and negligent, and wittingly spare and shew fauour in not killing any such Dogge or Bitch, he shall lose his place and seruice, and suffer imprisonment as is aforesaid. And if any Dog or Bitch kept within doores shal with howling or noyse be noyous to any neighbour, the Alderman of the ward vpon complaint shall commit the offendor to warde, till order be taken vpon his submission by the Alderman, and such Dog or Bitch killed.

Dogges, &c.

That no Corps dying of infection shall be buried or remaine in any Church in time of common Prayer, Sermon, or Lecture. And that no children bee suffered at time of buriall of any Corpes in any Church, Churchyard, or burying place, to come neare the Corps, Coffin or Graue. And that all the Graues shall be at the least six foot deepe. And that at the buriall dinners, or attendance on the Corps, or other solemnitie of any dying of infection, there shall be no assembly of people in the house where such person shall die, within the time of xxviii. dayes after such death.

Corps dying of infection, Church, Burial

That during the said terme of xxviii. dayes: no person be admitted to come into any such house infected, other then the persons of the same family, residing therein at the time of the infection, or such as for necessary reliefe of the same family shalbe appointed by the Surueyers, on paine that the house shall remaine shut in, and the same with the family be in all things vsed as infected, for other xxviii. dayes, from the time of suffering any other so to come into the same.

Resort to houses infected.

That diligent care be had for amending of the pauements where any holes be wherein any water or filth may stand to increase corrupti on and infection.

Pauements,

That whosoeuer shall go abroad with a sore running, shalbe imprisoned in the Cage for xxviii. dayes, & further grieuously punished by corporall paine, by the iudgement of the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen.

Goe abroad with sore.

That no dunghils out of stables, brewhouses, or other places be suffered to be made in the street, or other open place of this Citie or the Suburbes thereof, on paine of imprisonment of the offenders, till the same at the offenders charge be remoued, and the offenders bound to the Chamberlaine of this Citie, neuer to commit the like offence againe.

Dunghils.

That restraint be made of Enterludes or Playes, assemblies of Fencers, or other prophane spectacles, and of going with Drummes, Proclamations, or calling of people to the same within this Citie and liberties thereof. And humble sute be made to the most Honourable Counsell, that the like restraint be in places of other Counties adioyning to the said Citie.

Enterludes, Playes, &c.

That in euery Parish there be appointed two substantiall and discreet Citizens, or moe as need shall require, to be chosen monethly by the Alderman of the ward, to be Surueyers, which Surueyers shall daily and diligently see the orders to be obserued, as is abouesaid, and the Surueyers, Clarkes, Sextons, and Bedles, shall be sworne before the Alderman to doe their diligence faithfully therein. And if any such person so appointed, shall refuse or faile to take his oth, or being sworne, shall neglect his duty therein, that forthwith the Alderman commit such person to Ward, there to remaine, vntill he be discharged from thence by the Court of the Lord Maior and Aldermen.

Surueyer, Clerkes, Sextons, Beadles sworne.

That order be taken and treatie had with the Colledge of Physicions, that some certaine and conuenient number of Physicions and Surgeons be appointed and notified to attend for the counsell and cure of persons infected, and none to deale with the infected but those: and the same to deale with no other patients but the infected, during the time of infection. And for their counsell and trauell to be recompensed by and for the persons of hability at their owne charge: and for the poore at the charge of the Parish.

Phisitians.

That whosoeuer shall by any subtilty or inuention defraud the good intent of any of these orders, shall receiue double as much punishment as he that openly or plainely offendeth.

Defraud Order.

That the housholders of houses infected, be charged to aire the houses and things therein within the said xxviii. dayes, and that no clothes or other things about the persons infected be giuen or sold, but either destroyed, or well and sufficiently purified. On paine of punishment by discretion of the Lord Maior and Aldermen.

Ayring house, clothes.

God saue the King.

Printed at London by Isaac Iaggard, Printer to the Honourable City of London, 1625.